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Business RECYCLING Assistance Program

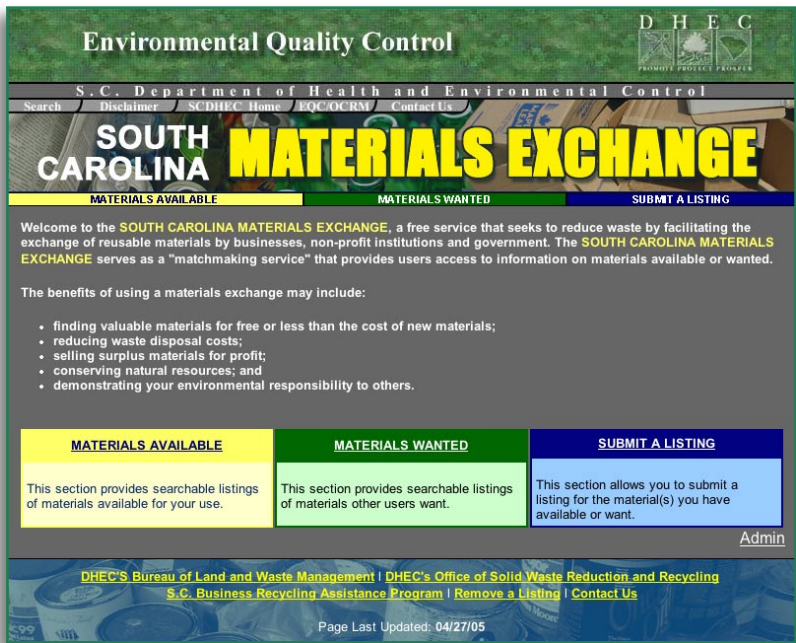
Waste Management Information for South Carolina Businesses

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SOUTH CAROLINA MATERIALS EXCHANGE unveiled

Columbia, S.C. – Does your company generate trimmings or off-spec materials that might be good feedstock for another facility? Imagine that you are the director of a small non-profit organization that is moving to a larger facility – would you like to find a business that is looking to donate unwanted furniture? Does your manufacturing plant have unwanted equipment that it would like to give away due to a recent expansion of operations? Perhaps your office has unwanted supplies – would you like to provide them to a community group or other organization that can use them?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Business Recycling Assistance Program (B-RAP) has a new tool for you.



The **SOUTH CAROLINA MATERIALS EXCHANGE** (SCME) is a free on-line service that seeks to reduce waste by facilitating the exchange of reusable materials by businesses, non-profit organizations and government. In short, SCME serves as a “match-making service” that provides users access to information on materials available or wanted.

The benefits of using a materials exchange are many and may include:

- finding valuable materials for free or less than the cost of new materials;
- reducing waste disposal costs;
- selling surplus materials for profit;

- conserving natural resources; and
- demonstrating your environmental responsibility to others.

The user-friendly SCME, located at www.scdhec.gov/scme, has been designed and will be maintained here in South Carolina, allowing B-RAP partners to better assist users in finding homes for their materials or the materials they want.

B-RAP is a collaborative effort of the S.C. Department of Commerce and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control that helps businesses and other organizations implement waste reduction and recycling programs. For more information, visit www.scdhec.gov/brap or call **1-800-768-7348**.

Currently on the SOUTH CAROLINA MATERIALS EXCHANGE	
MATERIALS AVAILABLE:	MATERIALS WANTED:
fiberglass resin	asphalt debris
foundry sand	concrete debris
wooden crates	light transparent textiles
scrap rubber drive belt material	computers
—	toner and inkjet printer cartridges



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